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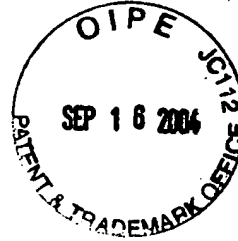
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

**CHRISTOPHER C. BENZ, GARY K. SCOTT,  
and CHUAN-HSIUNG CHANG**

Application No.: **08/978,217**

Filed: **11/25/1997**

For: **A NEW ETS-RELATED GENE  
OVEREXPRESSED IN HUMAN BREAST  
AND EPITHELIAL CANCERS**

Examiner: A. Holleran

Art Unit: 1642

**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 11, 2004, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

The following documents are enclosed herewith:

- 1) A petition to extend the period of response for three months;  
Please amend the specification and/or claims as shown herein.